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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/04/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17 and 24-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

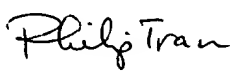
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>10/4/05</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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 PHILIP TRAN
 PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Hunt (Reg. No. 41,085), the undersigned, on December 23, 2005. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 24 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A session initiation protocol (SIP) signaling router comprising:

(a) a plurality of cluster nodes for performing at least one session initiation protocol function, each cluster node storing a local database containing SIP location information and ~~wherein each cluster node is adapted to route SIP signaling messages using the SIP location information stored in the local database; and~~

(b) a location server coupled to the cluster nodes for maintaining a database of SIP location information and for automatically replicating the database of SIP location information to each of the cluster nodes in real time in response to receiving updates to

the SIP location information, wherein each of the cluster nodes contain common SIP location information ~~[[.]]~~ **and wherein each of the cluster nodes is adapted to route SIP signaling messages using SIP location information contained in the local database at each cluster node without querying the location server.**

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Currently Amended) A method for routing session initiation protocol (SIP) signaling messages, the method comprising:

(a) replicating a database of SIP location information from a location server to a plurality of cluster nodes such that the cluster nodes store common SIP location information, each cluster node performing a SIP protocol function ~~[[.]]~~ ~~wherein performing the SIP protocol function includes routing SIP signaling messages using the common SIP location information stored by each cluster node~~ **and storing the SIP location information in a local database at each of the cluster nodes;**

(b) receiving SIP signaling messages at the cluster nodes for requesting SIP protocol services; and

(c) determining SIP location information for the SIP signaling messages in real time using the local databases at the cluster nodes without querying the location server ~~[[.]]~~ ; **and**

(d) **responding to the SIP signaling messages using the SIP location information contained in the local database at each cluster node without querying the location server.**

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-17 and 24-28 are allowable over the prior art of record.
4. This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104 (e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on 10/04/2005 with respect to the amended claim limitations point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip B. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3991. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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